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Numerical Aperture	)	
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is further to the filing of US National application of PCT/IB2004/051291. Entry of the following amendments together with examination and consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.